Low water level of rivers

†290. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water level of rivers in the country continue to fall;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to bring up water level of rivers; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The analysis of average annual flow data does not indicate falling trend in the water level of the rivers.

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श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि (उड़ीसा): सर, नन्दीग्राम के ऊपर चर्चा। ...(व्यवधान)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us do some business. *(Interruptions)*. पहले पेपर्स तो ले करने दीजिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... इसमें आपका क्या ओब्जेक्शन है? ...(**व्यवधान**).

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) S.O. 762(E), dated the 14th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (4th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(2) F.No. 142/6/2007-TPL dated the 21st May, 2007, publishing the circular about the option to certify TDS certificates by way of Digital Signatures.

(3) S.O. 849(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income Tax (5th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(4) S.O. 850(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (6th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(5) S.O. 851(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, authorizing CCITs and DGITs to act as Prescribed authority for the purpose of sub-clause (iv) and (v) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income Tax Act *w.e.f.* 1st of June, 2007.

(6) S.O. 852(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, authorizing CCITs and DGITs to act as prescribed authority for the purpose of sub-clause (vi) and (vi a) of clause (23C) of section 10 in relation to any university or other educational institutions or any hospital or other medical institution.

(7) S.O. 853(E) dated the 30th May, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (7th Amendment) Rules, 2007.

(8) S.O. 861(E), dated the 1st June, 2007, notifying the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme, 2004.

(9) S.O. 1044(E) dated the 27th June, 2007, publishing the Income-Tax (8th Amendment) Rule, 2007.

(10) S.O. 1281(E), dated the 27th July, 2007 publishing the Electronic Furnishing of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.